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Madrid, December 6, N. S.

THEIR Catholick Majeſties having deferred fixing the Time of their Return hither, it is believed they will continue at St. Ildefonſo as long as the good Weather laſts. The King has nominated ſeveral Officers to fill up the Commiſſions which were become vacant among his Forces, and promoted others to Governments of Places. Don Louis de Aponte is appointed Governour of the Town and Province of Cartagena in the Weſt-Indies, on Don Antonio Santander's declining that Employment: And Don Joſeph Yſaſi is made Governour of the Iſland of St. John de Puerto-Rico.

Genoa, Dec. 7, N. S. On the 1ſt Inſtant our Great Council met, and reſolved, that there ſhall for the future be two Governours of Corſica, one to reſide (as hitherto) at Baſtia, and the other at Bonifacio, on that Iſland. At the ſame Time the ſaid Council ordered Thirty Thouſand Scudi of Silver to be iſſued, for erecting a Lazaretto at the Gulph of Spezza for Goods that are ſubject to Quarantain, for the greater Security of this Capital. A Ship of about 20 Guns was lately fitted out at Leghorn by Cavalier Mareſcotti a Roman, with a Spaniſh Letter of Marque, to cruize againſt the Infidels: Aſſoon as ſhe was gone out of the Port, in Sight of the Place, ſhe took a French Veſſel coming from Alexandria, and carried it to Civita Vecchia, under Pretence that the Lading belonged to the Jews of Leghorn; whereupon the Spaniſh Conſul there, immediately diſpatched away a ſmall Veſſel, with Orders, that the French Ship and Lading ſhould be releaſed, the Cruiſer detained, and the Spaniſh Letter of Marque taken from him.

Turin, Dec. 9, N. S. Yeſterday Morning his Sardinian Majeſty and the Prince of Piedmont came to Town: In the Afternoon the Queen arrived, with the Duke d'Aouſte: It appearing by the Report made to his Majeſty by Phyſicians, that the Small-Pox has conſiderably decreaſed, it is concluded the Court will remain here till Spring. Laſt Week died the Chevalier Ventura, Reſident of Genoa here. On Thurſday next the King's Domeſticks leave off the ſtrict Mourning for the Princeſs; but on Account of the Great Duke of Tuſcany's and the Elector of Cologne's Deaths, his Majeſty himſelf and the Court will ſtill wear Black. The Prince of Piedmont, and all his Attendants, are to continue in deep Mourning till the Expiration of the Year from the Death of his Conſort.

Turin, Dec. 15, N. S. On the 7th Inſtant in the Evening a Courier arrived here from Count Maffei, with the News of the Duke of Orleans's ſudden Death. His Sardinian Majeſty did not think fit to acquaint the Queen with it till next Day, when it was declared in Publick, and Orders given for going into Mourning on Sunday the 12th. Accordingly on that Day the Nobility went to Court, and kiſſed their Majeſties Hands, the Ladies wearing black Veils.

Paris, Dec. 17, N. S. The Body of the late Duke of Orleans having lain in State at St. Cloud, where the uſual Ceremonies were obſerved, from the 4th Inſtant till laſt Night, it was brought from thence about Five a-Clock, with all ſolemn Pomp, under the Direction of the Prince of Conti, appointed by his moſt Chriſtian Majeſty to ſee the Funeral duely performed: The Proceſſion paſſed here through the Streets of St. Honoré and St. Denys between 10 and 11 a-Clock, and about Three this Morning reached the Royal Abbey of St. Denys; where the Archbiſhop of Rouen, his late Royal Highneſs's chief Almoner, having delivered the Corpſe to the Prior of the Abbey, in the Forms uſed on ſuch Occaſions, it was placed in the Church of that Abbey, where after 40 Days (according to Cuſtom) it is to be interred.

Whitehall, Dec. 17. On Saturday laſt came in Letters from France of the 6th Inſtant, and Yeſterday arrived a Courier from Paris, with Letters dated laſt Thurſday Night the 12th Inſtant. They bring Advice, that the moſt Chriſtian King continues in good Health; and that Affairs are kept in the ſame Channel they were before the Death of the late Duke of Orleans: That at Cambray the Ceremonial between the Plenipotentiaries being intirely adjuſted, the Congreſs would forthwith be opened; and that there was not the leaſt Doubt it would be very ſpeedily brought to a happy Concluſion.

Navy-Office, Dec. 11, 1723.

This Board intending on Friday the 3d of January next, at Ten a-Clock in the Morning, to treat for the Importation of Iron for his Majeſty's Service the enſuing Year; Theſe are to give Notice thereof, that ſuch Perſons as are willing to undertake the ſame, may attend with their Propoſals at that Time accordingly.

South-Sea-Houſe, Dec. 12, 1723.

The Court of Directors of the South-Sea Company give Notice, That in Order to the next Chriſtmas Dividend on their Capital Stock, the Transfer-Books thereof will be ſhut on Monday the 23d Inſtant; which Transfer Books will be opened again on Monday the 10th of February next.

South-Sea-Houſe, Dec. 12, 1723.

The Court of Directors of the South-Sea Company do hereby give Notice, that all Bonds of the ſaid Company dated the 26th of December 1715, 1717, 1718, 1719, or which ſhall become due the 26th of this Inſtant December, will be paid off on the ſaid 26th Inſtant, from which Time the Intereſt on the ſaid Bonds will ceaſe.